

# **AUTOMATE RV CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**It is VERY IMPORTANT to UNBLOCK your e-mail for the officers above.**

### **WHO TO CONTACT:**

Change of address	Connie Golden
Payment of Dues and Rally Fees	Gary Wermuth
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Sunshine Committee Cards	Kathy Noble
Fall Rally	Ed & Roma Vukonich
General Inquiries & Issues	Dale Clark

### **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

by Dale Clark

I hope everyone is having a fun summer. It is that time of the year when we need to call for nominations for 2007.

For two year terms beginning May 1, 2007:

- Treasurer
- Newsletter/Web page editor.

For a one year term beginning May 1, 2007:

- Secretary.

If anyone is interested in one of these positions on the board, please call me or one of the directors.

I also need three volunteers for the nomination committee.

One of our club members, Ted Martin, has suggested that due to the closing of the AutoMate factory and a probable decline in our membership, that we change our bylaws in regard to who can become a member. The current membership rules require members to be AutoMate owners. He is asking that we modify our bylaws, so that our club can remain viable. At the spring 2006 annual membership meeting there was considerable time spent on this subject. It was decided that the Board of Directors would research alternatives and present proposals for a possible membership bylaw change. In the past year we have had a rapid decline in membership to 168 (see list of members in this newsletter).

I would like each rig membership to vote on one of the choices below and send by e-mail or snail mail to our acting secretary, Connie Golden at 552 Bean Creek Rd. # 172, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 or e-mail to [cjgolden@earthlink.net](mailto:cjgolden@earthlink.net) or [twocjgoldens@yahoo.com](mailto:twocjgoldens@yahoo.com) (put AUTOMATE in the subject line). Please do so no later than Aug. 25, 2006 and make sure to include your name.

Bylaws Change Ballot:

- 1. Leave the bylaws as they are now, you must be an AutoMate owner to be a member of the AutoMate RV Club.
- 2. Anyone who once owned an AutoMate but now owns some other brand RV, should be able to join the AutoMate RV Club.
- 3. Anyone who was once an AutoMate RV Club member, but now owns some other brand should be able to rejoin the AutoMate RV Club.
- 4. Either 2 or 3 above. Doesn't make any difference to me/us.

FALL RALLY:

Ed and Roma Vukonich are planning a fun time for us at the fall rally in Sonora, CA. October 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, let's have a good turn out. Send in the registration form at the back of this newsletter.

Dale

**AUTOMATES FOR SALE**

**1996 AutoMate 29' Mid Profile 5th wheel**, rear kitchen, air ride suspension, 14' slide out, entertainment center, two batteries, two 7.5 propane tanks, two skylights, 10 ply tires, front electric jacks, A/C and furnace, four large holding tanks--extras and in great shape, \$17,900 obo--805-964-9794 (2004 F-250 V10 low mileage tow vehicle also available for sale if needed).



See attached picture that was taken in May of the unit near the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in a

BLM meadow where we dry camped for four nights.

Don & Marianne Boneck  
Goleta, CA 93117

**1998 33 Foot Automate Travel Trailer** with Hensley Arrow Hitch. 14 Foot couch/dinette slideout. Fully furnished. Like new. No smokers or pets. Located in Northern Minnesota. \$30,000 Photos available online. Contact [tcbrady@copper.net](mailto:tcbrady@copper.net)

Tom and Mary Ann Brady

**1989 Automate Motor Home** for sale. Completely remodeled inside. Low Mileage Only \$5000. Call (831) 438-5771 for more information.

**AIR RIDE SUSPENSION**

by Mike Salter.

Article in mailed newsletter.

**Recommended Repair Shop**

By Robert Ballou

Article in mailed newsletter.

**FALL AUTOMATE RALLY 2006**  
**RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!!**

**Where:** Mother Lode Fairgrounds; 220 Southgate Dr. Sonora, CA 95370 209-532-7428  
**When:** October 5 – 8, 2006

**Cost:** \$125 per rig with 2 persons; \$100 per rig with 1 person.

Return form on last page with check to Club Treasurer by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**FALL RALLY AGENDA**  
**MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS SONORA, CA**

**THEME:** *“THE AUTOMATES ARE TOGETHER AGAIN”*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5** - *Arrival and check-in*  
*7:00 p.m. Social hour & snacks, wine, & sodas*

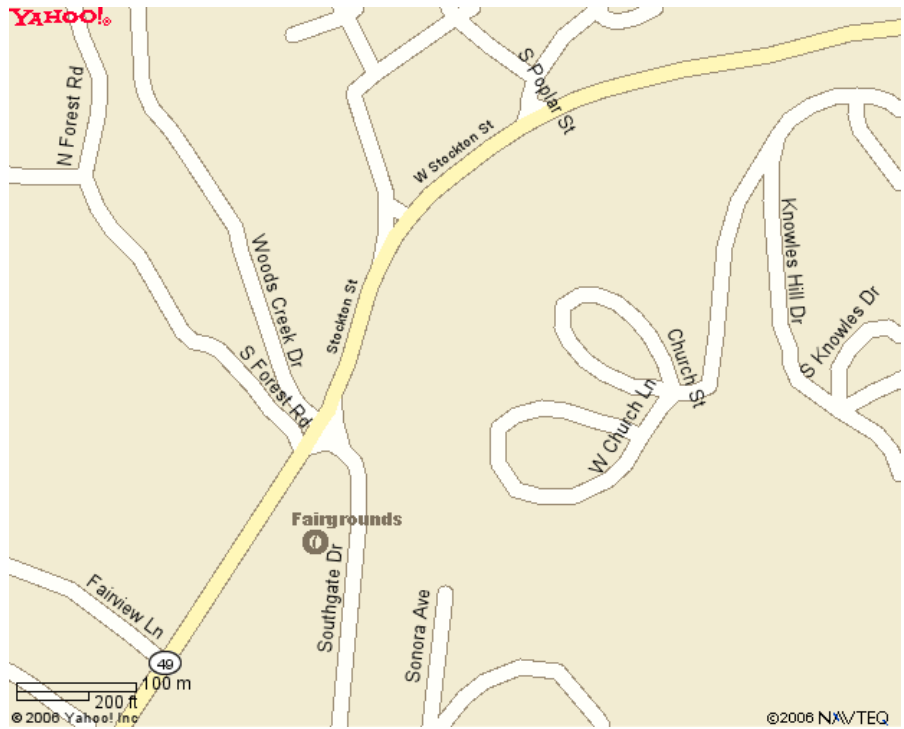
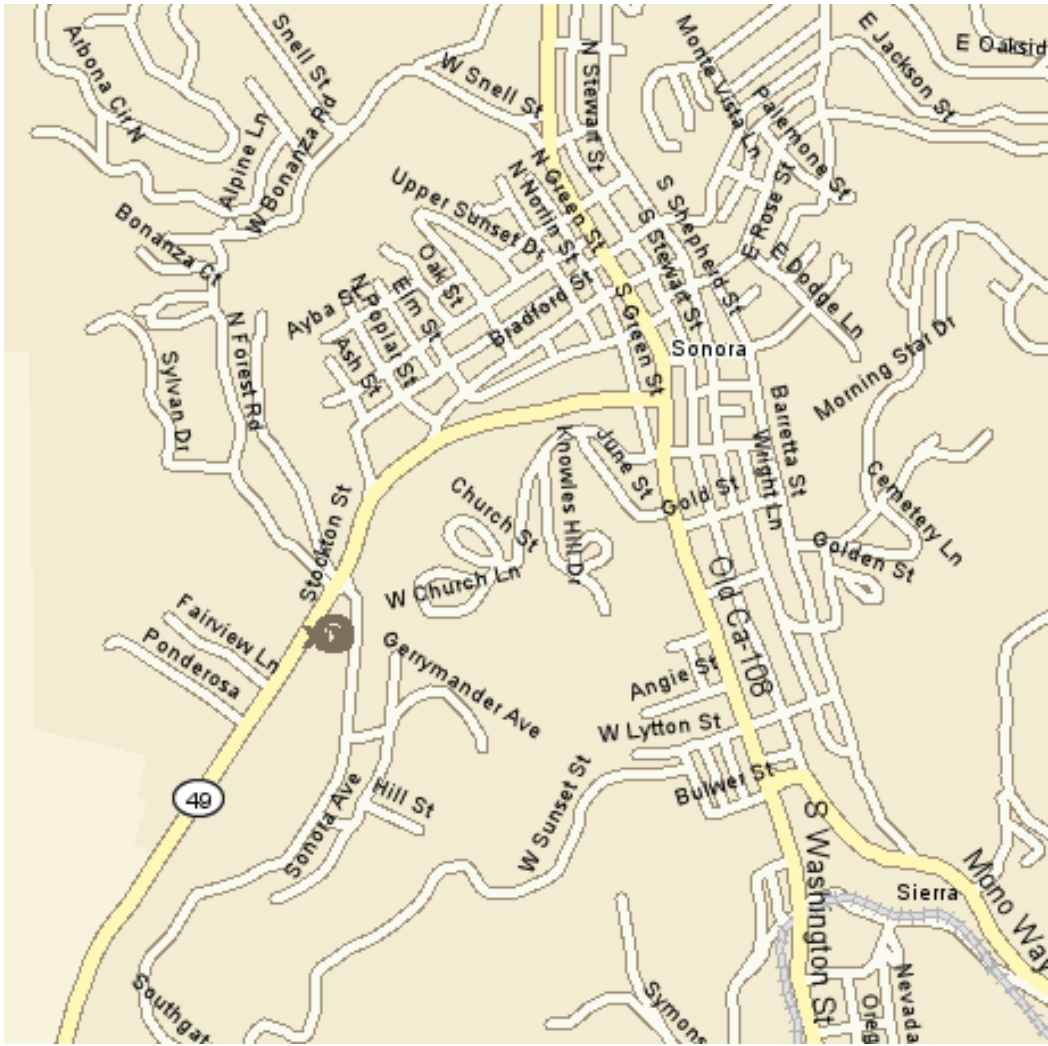
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
*7:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast, coffee, juice & donuts*  
*10:00-12:00 Round table discussion of technical issues and problem solving*  
*6:00 p.m. Dinner*  
*Entertainment – Gary Dahlin and his banjo music*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
*7:00 a.m. Create your own omelet for the chef*  
*10:00 a.m. Columbia Fire Department presentation*  
*1:00 p.m. Board Meeting*  
*6:00 p.m. Dinner*  
*7:30 White elephant exchange & laughs*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
*Check out and “good-byes”*

**Note:** *This is a draft of plans. There may be changes made before the program is finalized.*

**We have tried to leave time for everyone to enjoy the history of the area. A package with local information will be presented to you upon arrival.**



## CLUB LOGO ITEMS

*for sale at*

### LANDS' END

Business Outfitters

**800-338-2000**

*landsend.com/business*

**AutoMate RV Club Logo # 0485920w**

*(This number is for members only)*

### Listen, Y'all

Not far south of the Georgia border, in the town of **Live Oak, Florida**, RVers can settle into campsites shaded by cypress trees draped in Spanish moss. They can wander the resort's 700 acres on guided horseback rides, then rent a boat from the on-site Canoe Outpost and float in the gentle currents of the famous Suwannee River. RVers can do all this and more at **Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park**. But if they're curious how the resort got its name, they should visit during one of the extremely popular, high-energy music festivals throughout the year. During April guests could choose from five different music events, from Rock-n-Wheels to the Parlounge Drum Circle. The park offers plenty of hookups, primitive camping and cabins (including a fancy tree house), so RVers who like tunes with their campfires will find harmony at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. For more information, go to <http://musicliveshere.com>.

## June 2006 List of Automate Club

**Members.** If you have paid your dues for 2006 and your name is not on this list, contact Gary Wermuth, treasurer, immediately. **Gary**

**Wermuth**

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### WASH YOUR DAY/NIGHT WINDOW

#### SHADES

by Sharon Richardson

Article in mailed newsletter

### Save Fuel While Enjoying Your RV Trip

By Mark J. Polk

After reluctantly accepting the fact that fuel prices will remain on the high side this summer, we decided to research what could be done to get the best fuel economy possible on our upcoming RV trips. We discovered that there are some simple things that can be done to improve fuel economy.

Rest of article in mailed newsletter

### CLUB NAME TAGS

- Vendor -

### JV CRAFTS

#### CUSTOM LASER ENGRAVING

US mail: 8555 S. Wolfe Rd.

French Camp, CA 95231

Phone: 209-993-7820

Fax: 209-983-1885

e-mail: [van-jan@juno.com](mailto:van-jan@juno.com)

Members who wish to order Club name tags may do so directly from JV Crafts. The price is \$11.00 per name tag (which includes tax and shipping. For the same price, you can choose from clip-on, pin-on, or magnet.

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To Gary Wermuth  
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Granite Bay, CA 95746

## FALL RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

**Cost:** \$125 per rig with 2 persons; \$100 per rig with 1 person.

Here is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ made out to you. I will be arriving on \_\_\_\_\_.

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ people in my rig.  I need handicapped parking

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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